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There also is a question regarding the major head wound. Those who had an opportunity to view the large head wound in Parkland Hospital seem to concur in their statements and testimony, that it was primarily confined to the posterior of the head, for the most part involving the occipital bone, but extending somewhat into the parietal region. The autopsy report and review findings of the Panel locate the damage in the tempro-parietal area and the posterior head seems little involved except for the smaller enterance wound. Considering the evidence, it would seem as though there was some unusual postmortem regenerative process. Would you offer an opinion on this problem?

Last, and perhaps the most controversial aspect is the non-fatal posterior wound, which has sometimes been refered to as a back wound and at other times as a posterior neck or throat wound. Although the autopsy report locates this wound at the base of the neck and this is confirmed by the Panels review, the fact still exist that the bullet holes in the back of the coat and shirt are almost six inches below the upper edge of the collars and therefore not in alignment with the wound at the base of the neck. Attempts to explain this, such as the coat having been raised or bunched at the time of impact fall short of fact. Photographs taken at the time this shot struck the President show that the coat was neither raised or bunched. Even if this had been the case, the shirt would not have shifted because it was anchored by a closed collar and the belt at the waist of the trousers. How would you explain this phenomena?

Your kind reply to the above would be most appreciated.

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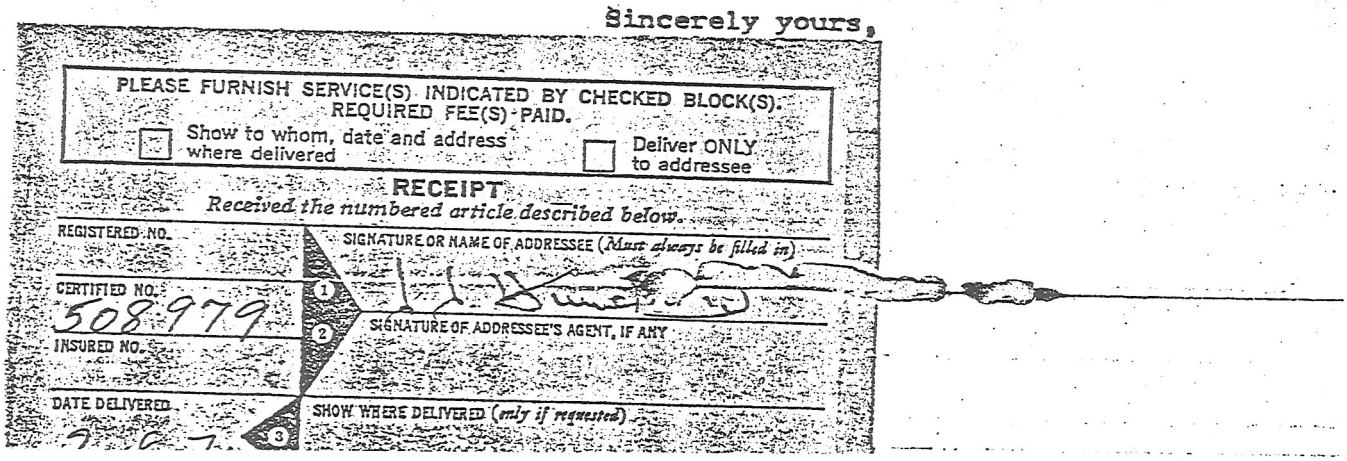
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